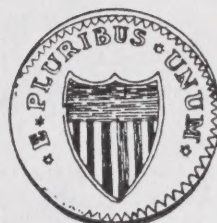


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8 February 1993

Dear Friends--

The February meeting of the New Jersey Numismatic Society will take place at the Madison Public Library on Presidents' Day, February 15, at 7:15 PM.

Our speaker for the evening will be Robert D. VanArsdell. Bob is the author of the standard reference book on the subject The Celtic Coinage of Britain, and will be speaking to us on "Coinage and Archaeology of Celtic Britain." However hard it is to get the bones moving in mid February, this will be a speaker and topic worth coming to. Pray for good weather so that we will all be there safely!

The Constitution and By-Laws were approved as amended, and a copy of these are enclosed. It is the purpose to make a unified document representing what we have been doing for many years, as represented by both current by-laws and the current constitution. There have been several suggestions to change the constitution and by-laws in several appropriate ways: add new offices, change old offices, provide for youth membership, etc. Worthwhile as these changes are, they do NOT contribute to our primary goal at this time: to have a working constitution and by-laws. Changes to what we do may be appropriate, but I hope we will be able to approve this document as submitted for second reading at our February meeting. If we do that, then we can act to change the document we have as provided in the document. For now, though, our goal is to have something to work with based on where we are coming from. Once that is secure, we can decide about where we want to go to for the future. I think it only confuses the issue to try to do more than one thing at a time. Let's keep it simple.

Themes for exhibits will be: Celtic Coins and the Coins of Britain; New Acquisitions; and Coins Dug Up that Should have Stayed Buried (this is NOT a reflection on the Celtic coins of Britain!!!, just an interesting topic for exploring your collection and sharing with us all).

'Till we meet again,

Sincerely,

**NEW JERSEY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE 663rd MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 1992**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by President Spencer Peck. Twenty eight members and three guests were present: James Babiek, Gary Beneler, & Bill Sebring.

OLD BUSINESS: Constitution & By-laws Revision of Constitution and By-Laws was presented to the meeting. Because we have one Constitution and two active by-laws, a motion was made to dissolve the Constitution and both sets of by-laws upon the approval of the revised new Constitution and By-Laws at two successive meetings. Motion passed unanimously, 28/0/0. The Revised Constitution and By-Laws will be distributed with the next meeting announcement, for first reading and approval in the January meeting. It is understood that it shall be necessary for adoption to receive a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority at two successive meetings: tentatively January and February. The motion to dissolve the present Constitution and By-Laws--approved unanimously at this meeting--shall also require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority in the January meeting to be adopted.

Herb Silberman conveyed sincere thanks for this Society's support and help from Walter Breen.

NEW BUSINESS: President Spencer Peck apologized to the membership for his failure to list nominees for each office in the meeting notice. Nominated were: for President Chris Connell, for Vice President Mark Auerbach and Arno Safran, for Recording Secretary Greg Heim, and for Treasurer Ron Thompson. Mr. Auerbach withdrew as a candidate for Vice President, and the Secretary was directed to cast a unanimous ballot for the four uncontested offices.

President Spencer Peck delivered the **State of the Society address**, noting that our membership is growing and that our financial condition is sound. 1993 will be the year of this Societies Sixtieth anniversary in October: a very special event in the life of this prestigious numismatic organization. With the end of his address, Mr. Peck passed the gavel--now that we have one--to the new President Chris Connell.

Nettleship Award Chairman Harold Flartey presented the rarity 7 **Nettleship Award medal to retiring President Spencer Peck**. Mr. Peck is the ninth recipient of this honor, and the gathered membership resounded concurrence with the Nettleship Committee's selection.

PROGRAM: Society Historian Mark Auerbach presented new slides taken by Tom Mulvaney of Lexington KY, of some remarkable pieces of US Gold coinage and a Humbert and Brasher coin, in impressive condition and incredible variety. Commentary by Mr. Auerbach was knowledgeable and refreshing, revealing his insight into evaluation of the finest points about these remarkable coins. Photography by Mr. Mulvaney was extraordinary.

SHOW AND TELL: - Brandt Mamorial Award to Harold Flartey from Hacketstown Coin Club; \$20 Gold: 1896-S, 1872-S; \$5 Gold 1902; 5 varieties of Canadian Blacksmith Tokens including a Wood-12 in UNC.; NJ 6-C in UNC.; counter-stamped Canadian Bank Token; Joseph Micklie Medal dated 1867 in White Metal; medals of numismatic personalities; US Gold Coins; Swiatek & Breens AU & AR Commemorative Coins; Medals of Robert Frost; set of Silicon coated International Nickel prototypes for alternative metal coins from 1964; C Gobrecht medal; 1796 $\frac{1}{4}$ eagle probable 1st variety; US Gold: 20th c. Type with $2\frac{1}{2}$, 5, 10, & 20; transition date gold: 1908 \$5 Liberty & Indian, 1907 \$10 Liberty & Indian; 1907 \$20 Coronet & St. Gaudens; Spanish Milled Dollar collection; 1806 B-3 Draped Bust 25c in F-12; British Crowns from 1819, 1887, 1902, 1933, & 1935; The worlds earliest gold coins, including: an itsy-bitsy electrum 1/12 *Stater* from Lydia 8-7th c. BC, Lydian electrum $\frac{1}{4}$ *Stater* from 625-561 BC, pure AU *Stater* of Croessus pre 546 BC, three Persian *Staters* including a light AU *Stater*, the first AU *Dariek* of Darius from 5-4th c. BC, and one of Darius III from 337-330 BC; an AU $2\frac{1}{2}$ Indian; some bawdy Ferris Wheel Tokens; a Columbus medal, Egloff 102; Taxay's *US Mint & Coinage*, *The Fantastic 1804 Dollar*, Quartermain 1974 reprint; $\frac{1}{2}$ cents: 1795 Cohen 5-A, 1800, 1803, 1802/00 C-2, 1835; 1901 \$5 Liberty; 1911 \$5; 1926 St. Gaudens; 1938 *Numismatists*; variety of 18th c. Maps; AU Aurios of Otho; earliest gold in Britain: a variety of Celtic gold struck on continent used in Britain c. 125 BC; 1763 24 shilling Ship Medal; 2 western P.A.N.S. medals; *Prison Tokens and Medals* by Jerry Zara; 1742 gold Papal Zucchino; a selection of Roman coins revealing women in high places, especially Galla Placida and her family c. 400-460, including AU of Pulcheria.

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Christopher T. Connell, President

10 March 1993

Dear NJNS Friends--

Yes, I am OK, and was fine by the time the meeting in Madison began. Unfortunately, at that time I was in the hospital ER in Lakewood, along with my wife Clare, Arno, and his wife Vilma. We were fine, but not in Madison, so I do apologize to you and thank Greg for leaping into the breach, and for all the thoughtful cards and notes and calls I have received from you.

I have no intention of missing the next meeting, which will take place in Madison on March 15. One reason is to get our Constitution and by-laws into effect. The other reason is to get ready for Spring. Yes, Spring is about to spring, and to prepare for that, I have asked Ray Williams to speak to our Society about Metal Detecting. I know that the science of numismatics seems as far from metal detecting as the art of architecture is from digging a foundation. However, most of the recent discovery ancient coins which grace our collections are there because of Metal Detecting. Bob VanArsdell points out in his book that Celtic coins have become a collectable series, rather than a rare museum curiosity, because of recent Metal Detecting finds. There are ways of treasure hunting which respect numismatics, and ways that exploit numismatics, and it is going to be a pleasure to hear from an expert who *knows the field*. . . I know that you will enjoy this meeting. Themes for sharing will be **New Acquisitions** and **Dug Up Treasure**.

I was saddened to receive a note from Lucille Nettleship which informed me of the death in September of our Society's founder, Charles Nettleship, Jr. We have some active members who knew Charles; most of us know him by his distinguished reputation and in the wonder of our Society which continues in ways that would make our founder proud. I have written to Lucille, and if other members wish to do so, her address is 7500 N. Calle Sin Envida #1204, Tucson, AZ 85718.

Truly,